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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A layered foundation for a human recreation area, said foundation including:
 - a particulate layer; ~~and~~
 - a ~~protective~~ cover layer positioned over said particulate layer; ~~and~~
 - a barrier positioned relative to said particulate layer to minimize motion of particulate in said particulate layer lateral to said cover layer.
2. (Currently Amended) The foundation of claim 1 wherein said barrier contacts said particulate layer and said cover layer ~~particulate layer includes, at least in part, coarse rubber particulate.~~
3. (Original) The foundation of claim 1 wherein the depth of said particulate layer is adjusted to achieve a desired impact resistance.
4. (Original) The foundation of claim 1 wherein said cover layer includes, at least in part, artificial turf.

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5. (Currently Amended) The foundation of claim 4 wherein said cover layer includes a ~~fine~~ particulate dispersed into said artificial turf.

6. (Currently Amended) The foundation of claim 5 wherein said ~~fine~~ particulate is rubber.

7. (Currently Amended) The foundation of claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1 wherein said barrier is connected to said cover layer ~~said fine particulate is dispersed into said artificial turf to simulate the appearance of natural turf.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The foundation of claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1 wherein said cover layer includes an edge and said barrier is positioned at said edge of said cover layer ~~fine particulate is dispersed into said artificial turf to simulate the texture of natural turf.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The foundation of claim 5 wherein said ~~fine~~ particulate is dispersed into said artificial turf to add additional impact resistance to the impact resistance provided by the particulate layer.

10. (Original) The foundation of claim 1 wherein said surface includes a drainage layer positioned below said particulate layer.

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11. (Original) The foundation of claim 10 wherein said drainage layer enhances fluid flow from said surface to the surrounding earth.

12. (Currently Amended) A composite layered foundation, said foundation including:
a ~~coarse~~ particulate layer;
a protective cover layer positioned over said ~~coarse~~ particulate layer; and
a fixed barrier contacting said ~~coarse~~ particulate layer to assist in containing movement of
said coarse particulate layer lateral to said cover layer.

13. (Currently Amended) The foundation of claim 12 wherein said particulate layer includes, at least in part, ~~coarse~~ rubber particulate.

14. (Original) The foundation of claim 12 wherein the depth of said particulate layer is adjusted to achieve a desired impact resistance.

15. (Original) The foundation of claim 12 wherein said cover layer includes, at least in part, artificial turf.

16. (Currently Amended) The foundation of claim 15 wherein said cover layer includes a ~~fine~~-particulate dispersed into said artificial turf.

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17. (Currently Amended) The foundation of claim 16 wherein said ~~fine~~ particulate is rubber.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The foundation of claim ~~[[16]]~~ 12 wherein said cover layer includes an edge and said barrier is positioned at said edge of said cover layer ~~fine particulate is dispersed into said artificial turf to simulate the texture of natural turf.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The foundation of claim 16 wherein said ~~fine~~ particulate is dispersed into said artificial turf to add additional impact resistance to the impact resistance provided by the particulate layer.

21. (Original) The foundation of claim 12 wherein said surface includes a drainage layer positioned below said particulate layer.

22. (Original) The foundation of claim 21 wherein said drainage layer enhances fluid flow from said surface to the surrounding earth.

23. (Original) The foundation of claim 12 wherein said fixed barrier is attached to said cover layer.

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Claims 24-36 (Canceled).

37. (Currently Amended) A foundation for use in a human recreation area, said foundation including:

- a first location providing a first level of impact dampening
- a second location providing a second level of impact dampening
- a cover layer covering said first location and said second location,

wherein said cover layer provides an indication of the position of said first location and said second location,

wherein said first level of impact dampening differs from said second level of impact dampening.

Please add the following new claims:

38. (New) A surface for a recreation area, said surface including:

- a particulate layer; and
- a protective cover layer,

wherein said protective cover layer is positioned over said particulate layer.

wherein said particulate layer does not include artificial turf.

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39. (New) A layered foundation for a human recreation area, said foundation including:

a particulate layer, wherein said particulate layer includes particulate having a first size;

and

a protective cover layer positioned over said particulate layer, wherein said protective cover layer includes particulate having a second size;

wherein said second size is smaller than said first size.

40. (New) A surfacing system for a recreation area, said surfacing system including:

a first region, wherein said first region includes a particulate layer having a first depth;

a second region, wherein said second region includes a particulate layer having a second depth; and

a cover layer covering said first region and said second region,

wherein said second depth is greater than said first depth.

41. (New) A surfacing system for a recreation area including a structure, said surfacing system including:

a first region, wherein said first region includes a particulate layer having a first level of impact dampening;

a second region, wherein said second region includes a particulate layer having a second level of impact dampening

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wherein said second level of impact dampening is greater than said first level of impact dampening,

wherein said second region is positioned relative to said structure; and

a cover layer covering said first region and said second region,

42. (New) The system of claim 41 wherein said second region is positioned at an exit from said structure.

43. (New) The system of claim 41 wherein said second region substantially surrounds said structure.

44. (New) The system of claim 41 wherein said cover layer provides an indication of the location of at least one of said first region and said second region.